Whereupon the coroner's jury returned a verdict, part of which read:

"This case should call to the officials responsible for the inspection of like buildings their immediate attention with a view to avoiding a like occurrence in the future."

The sense of this seems plain enough. With the evidence presented at the inquest, it means that the coroner's jury wanted the state factory inspector to do his duty immediately and see that no such conditions as caused the death of Anna Imroth should be permitted longer to exist in other Chicago factories.

So The Day Book set to work to find out if the state factory inspector had ordered that this be done.

It had some trouble in finding out. State Factory Inspector Edgar T. Davies has been traveling around the state for a week—just where his office does not know. Deputy State Factory Inspector Barney Cohen wasn't easy to find until yesterday. City Building Commissioner Henry Ericsson is in Texas—for his heatth.

Yesterday, however, Cohen was found by a Day Book reporter, and asked what the department had done in regard to the recommendation of the coroner's jury in the Imroth case.

"We have not received any information," said Cohen, "about a verdict in the Imroth . . . Oh, that's the case where that girl was burned to death out at Kingic and Robey streets, isn't it?" "It is," said the reporter.

"I remember now," said Cohen.
"Mr. Herman, attorney for our department, represented us at the inquest."

"Did Attorney Herman report to you on the verdict in that

case?" asked the reporter.

"He wrote a letter," said Cohen.
"Here it is."

(The letter said that Herman had attended the inquest and that Anna Imroth's death was caused by suffocation from smoke and fire. It said nothing of the recommendation of the jury that the responsible officials get busy to prevent like tragedies. It said nothing of the clause in the verdict which read: "The jury is of the opinion that had the door behind which the deceased's body was found lying dead opened outwardly instead of inwardly, the life of the deceased might have been saved.")

"Did Attorney Herman say anything to you about the verdict in the case?" asked the reporter, after he had read the letter.

"No," said Cohen. "This let-

ter is his only report."

"Attorney Herman went there as the representative of your department?" asked the reporter.

"Yes."

"And he failed to inform you whether or not your department was named by the coroner's jury as partially responsible for the death of the girl, or whether the jury had recommended that your department take certain action?"

"He said nothing of that sort."